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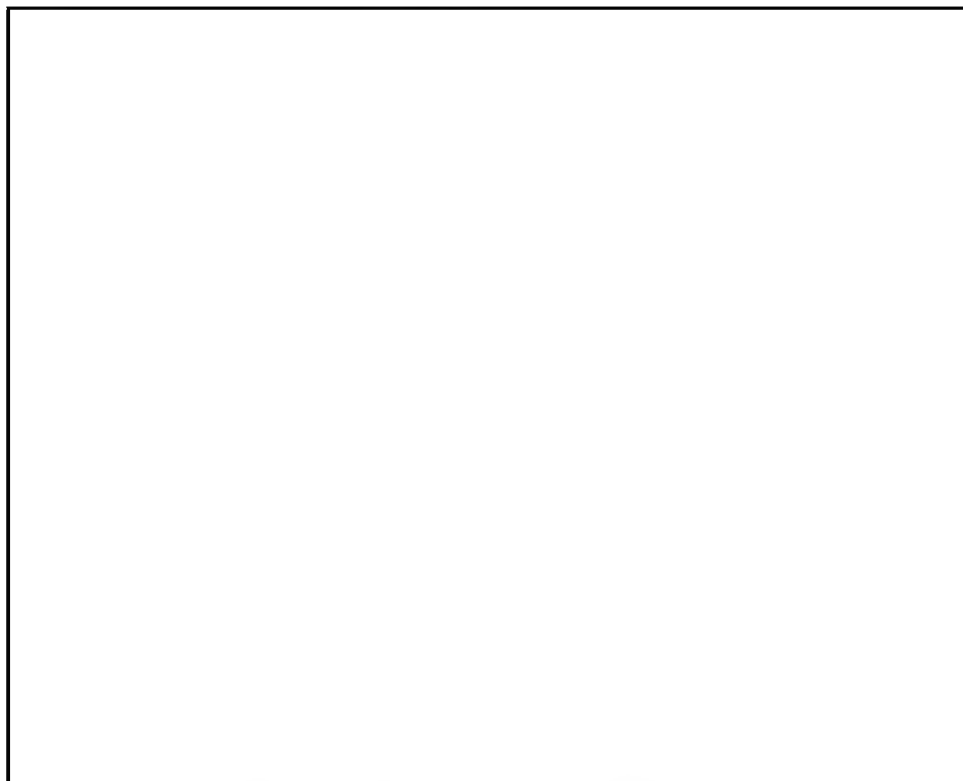
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Europe--US: (There is a strong body of opinion in Common Market circles which holds that the future course of the European Community and its relationship to the US cannot be determined until the nuclear weapons issue has been settled.)

(Ambassador Tuthill in Brussels reports that most of his European contacts feel that De Gaulle's drive for a French national nuclear force symbolizes the general's desire for a Europe organized along nationalist lines which would gradually abandon its dependence upon the US for security. A clear majority of these contacts oppose this concept and see many dangers in French acquisition of an independent nuclear force.)

(Tuthill has noted widespread skepticism regarding a NATO multinational nuclear force which is regarded largely as a rearrangement of what already exists. While the idea of a purely European nuclear force closely linked with the US has a number of adherents, there is a growing awareness that implementation of such a concept requires a greater degree of European political unity than now exists.)

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Angola: (Angolan nationalist leader Holden Roberto faces increasing disaffection within his military organization.)

(Roberto's Western-oriented Union of Angolan Peoples (UPA) has failed to provide sufficient food and munitions for approximately 1,000 men who have trained in the Congo at Thysville, 90 miles southwest of Leopoldville. The shortages may demoralize Roberto's militants to the point of making them more receptive to union with the rival Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).)

(The UPA's failure to find transportation for approximately 100 tons of Algerian arms stored in Tunis has lent credence to an MPLA rumor that Algerian Premier Ben Bella has repossessed the arms and intends to switch his support to the MPLA. In spite of the Adoula government's repeated promises of weapons, few have been received.)

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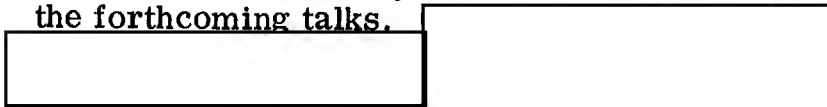
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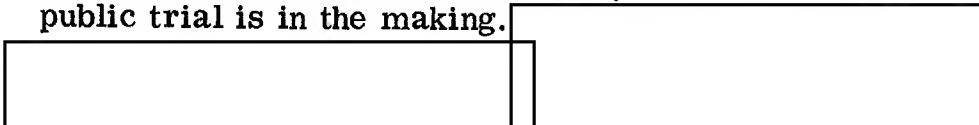
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NOTES

Sino-Soviet Relations: Peiping has apparently decided to accept the Soviet proposal that bilateral negotiations on the Sino-Soviet dispute begin in mid-May. The Chinese Communists will send a politburo-level delegation to Moscow, according to a Communist editor in Hong Kong who has just returned from the mainland. Peiping has publicly reiterated its positions in the Sino-Soviet dispute on several occasions since the Soviet proposal was made and is likely to hold inflexibly to its fundamental views in the forthcoming talks.



USSR: The Penkovsky treason trial will apparently begin in Moscow in the near future. TASS announced on 17 April that the case of Penkovsky and the British subject Greville Wynne, his alleged accomplice in spying for the West, has been turned over to the military collegium of the USSR Supreme Court--the court of first instance in treason and espionage cases. The fact that a British subject is to be tried with a Soviet citizen may indicate that a public trial is in the making.



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The United States Intelligence Board approved
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NIE 53-63, "Prospects in South Vietnam"

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